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SUBJECT: CHANGE OF SRI LANKA'S NAME

THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA APPARENTLY PLANS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE COUNTRY FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA TO THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA. ALTHOUGH PARLIAMENT HAS NOT YET APPROVED THE CHANGE, IT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL IF ASKED. THE NEW DESIGNATION WAS USED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON MARCH 5 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VIETNAMESE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT. EMBASSY WILL REPORT PROMPTLY WHEN EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE FOR OUR USE AND SIGNIFICANCE, IF ANY, BECOME KNOWN. GIVEN PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE'S DEVOTION TO REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS, WE ASSUME INTENT OF NAME CHANGE WOULD BE TO SUGGEST THAT SRI LANKA IS EVOLVING ALONG LINES OF SCANDINAVIAN PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACIES, NOT EASTERN EUROPEAN "SOCIALIST" REGIMES.  
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